
EUROPE'S SECRET SERVICE

UNDERHANDED METHODS EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.

In addition to the ordinary detective department of the regular police, every one of the Governments of Europe, with the possible exception of that of Switzerland, finds it necessary to maintain a corps of secret agents for confidential police duty. Their remuneration being defrayed from the Secret Service Fund at the disposal of every Prime Minister, the National Treasury takes no cognizance of their expenses or of their names. These latter are known only to the Premier and to the Minister of the Interior (who receive them, along with the balance of the annual Secret Service Fund, in strict confidence from their predecessors in office) and to ment of the Interior. But they are ignored at the regular police headquarters, while the gene ral public very often has no knowledge whatspever of the existence of such a force. Thus, it may safely be taken for granted that, until the Le Caron in this country, the vast majority of English people had no conception of the fact that their Government maintains in the United States a most elaborate system of spies and secret agents, whose chief object it is to keep a strict surveillance over what is going on in Irish cir-

e of this kind of work has occasionally been intrusted to the Pinkerton and other detective agencies. But for all the more important matters the British Government prefers to rely upon its own agents, who number people in every class (some of them ex-army officers) who have come tertained, not an angel, but a British Government spy, unawares, without having had any reason whatsoever to regret its hospitality. ex-gentlemen" who undertake duties of this kind are usually possessed of a sufficient amount of knavery and lack of principle to render them onsiderably more interesting companions than the ordinary every-day respectable British citigen. Besides this their career has generally been enlivened by adventures of one kind and another ing to resort to the not altogether honorable calling of a "mouchard." the expressive word by which secret police spies are known in France.

The more important of these secret agents of the British Government report directly to ne of the heads of the division of the Home voke, when he considers it necessary, the services of the regular detective department. But the inferior agents here used formerly to receive their instructions and likewise their suphere in New-York for the purpose, although as far as the public was concerned he occupied an entirely different position. He departed a few months ago, appointed to another and on the whole more agreeable position in an entirely different part of the world as a reward for the services that he had rendered in this country to the Secret Service Bureau of the Secretary of State of the Home Department in London.

Although English people, as a rule, have the reputation of being distinctly inferior to the Russians, the Germans and the Latin races, in just those particular qualities which are supposed to be most indispensable to a secret serto succeed in performing their work with a minimum of publicity, whereas at St. Petersburg, at Paris and especially at Berlin, un- From The Chicago Times-Herald, eavory scandals the result of bungling tobs. are continually occurring and bringing popular odium, not only on the secret service itself, but upon the Government and the Executive that written about the secret service of Russia, the authors in some cases being dismissed agents or else its victims, until nothing remains secret except the identity of the agents employed. In this, however, the mystery has been maintained secret with the first had been left in its place, and this was guild be returned the suggested that the Chicago girl went the old garment by mistake. She felt sure that the sacque would be returned the suggested that the Chicago girl went the old garment by mistake. The first heroise, whom she plays.

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In France this branch of Government service was at its best, or, rather most elaborate, during the reign of the late Emperor Napoleon. It implements the first of considerance of people in every walk in life, from Corsican remi-bandits, who thought nothing of either interfered with their work or who constituted a danger to their imperial employer, up to nobles bearing the most illustrious names in France, but who had been reduced by financial difficulties, due to their extravagance, to enter the pay of "in Police Secrete"

The Chlogor Times-Herld.

A few years ago the tate Eugene Field and Stanley Waterloo want duck hunting on Murdock and beauth stant of the kind warder of the day with the ingree of the day and the two hunters spent the day with each of the care. At length they decided to separate, in the hope that each mark of the other. Waterloo paddled up the lake and Field down. Waterloo paddled up the lake and prought one down. The down the whole marker of the hunt with the whole marker of the care was the law and the waterlooped to a care waterlooped to a care

the pay of "la Police Secrete." The Corstean Griscelli, whom I last heard of at Constantinople, and who generally worked in unison with an associate of the name of Rumini, is known to have at least five kniffngs to his record. Thus, when Count Camerata, a cousin of Napoleon III, was assassinated in the Tuileries under circumstances which would not bear publication to the world. Griscelli distinguished himself and collowed the supposed murderer, a man namel Zarnbo, to London. where the latter was embasquently found dead. ficating in the Thames with a dagger thrust through his back into his heart. Identically the same fate overtook Salvaa! de Perruggio, who had organized a plot for wrecking the imperial train near Biarritz. The day before the project was to be put into execution he fell a victim to the Corsican dagger at Bordeaux. Two other Mazzinist conspirators named Rassini and Galil, who were engaged in a scheme to murder the Emperor, were likewise stabbed by Griscelli, while a certain Sinibatt, a Mazzinist, who was staying at the Hotel Mirabeau at Paris under the English name of Peters, was after his arrest found hanging stone dead to the bars of his cell in the Nazas Prison a few hours after an

interview with Griscelli. Lord Cowley, the British Ambassador at Paris, while discussing one day the secret police service with its chief, M. Pietri, and bantering him about the ubiquity of his agents, put for-

ward the assertion that, at any rate, there was one place where they could never penetrate, namely, his embassy, Lady Cowley being re-nowled for her exclusiveness. Smilingly Pietri remarked: "The Countess gave a dinner followed by a small reception last night."

"Certainly," replied the Ambassador, "But what do you mean? It was a very small and

what do you mean? It was a very small and select affair, and certainly no one was present with whom we are not on terms of intimacy."

"Well, my lord," exclaimed Pietri, "did you not make this and that utterance, and did not the conversation range over the following subjects." he inquired, referring to a report written in a woman's hand before him.

Lord Cowiey was compelled to admit that Pietri had been correctly informed. But not even the closest examination of Lady Cowley's visiting list enabled him ever to discover the identity of the guest who had accepted his hospitality only for the purpose of acting as a spy. That agents of this kind are still employed by the French Government was made apparent at the time of the Panama scandal when the Minister of the Interior, as well as the Premier for the line helps was made. ister of the Interior, as well as the Premier for

ister of the Interior, as well as the Fremier for the time being, were impolitic enough to quartel and consequently to loosen the tongue of one of their most important secret agents.

It is at Berlin, however, that the secret service is permitted to play the greatest rôle. It may be said to owe its origin to Councillor von Stieber, who managed to secure the confidence of King Frederick William IV to such an extent that the Cabinet Ministers of the day were just as powerless against him as the late and just as powerless against him as the late and the present Chancellor of the Empire, as well as the past and present Ministers of the Interior and the present Ministers of Foreign Affairs have been until now impotent to counteract the influence and intrigues of his successor. Major von Tausch, Sieber first achieved distinction by helping Baron von Mehrenheim (now Russian Ambassador at Parisa to recover from Russian Ambassador at Paris) to recover from not learn some compromising correspondence of a near relative of the Czar, and the means which he employed, while successful in their results, were scarcely those that would commend themselves to an ordinary guardian of the law, comprising as they did kidnapping, the breaking open of a desk and the writing of fettitus let. open of a desk and the writing of fictitious let-ters. Stieber was succeeded by Krüger, and Krüger in turn by Major von Tausch, and the legal proceedings that have just resulted in the latter's arrest on a charge of forgery, have shown that the methods of action of the secret service employed since the accession to the thro the present Emperor have been every wi questionable and unsavory as those of Herr von

The only redeeming point in the present situa-tion at Berlin (which is so grave that the Em-peror has preferred for the first time to spend Christmas at Potsdam, instead of in his capital) is that His Majesty has been compelled by the stress of public opinion to consent to the im-prisonment and suspension from office of Major you Tausch for making use of the same dishonorable manoeuvres which twelve years ago were publicly approved of in the Imperial Parliaby the Bismarckian Government. response to a memorable speech by the Liberal leader. Richter, in the Reichstag, exposing the unscrupulousness of secret agent von Rumpf, his rôle as a provoker and instigator of crime, and his employment, not only of criminal methods, but even of criminals, in order to succeed in the collision. ods. but even of criminals, in order to succeed in the political intrigues in which he was engaged, the Minister of the Interior, von Putt-kammer, proclaimed the doctrine that the Executive and his Government have a right to make use of extra-legal—that is to say, unlawful—methods for attaining its aims when the ordinary legal methods are inadequate and unavailing. This memorable speech, which it is well to hear in mind in convection with the well to bear in mind in connection with the forgeries, the perjurers and the incitement to crime of one kind and another now laid at the door of the Chief of Secret Service, von Tausch, was delivered in the Reichstag on May 9, 1884, and will doubtless figure in the Major's defence,

and will doubtless figure in the shapers as a plea for his justification.

Strangely enough the most powerful argument that has ever been brought forward against this secret service, which, being, so to speak, beyond the pair of the law, is contrary to all times of what is straightforward, honorable yourd the pair of the law, is contrary to all notions of what is straightforward, honorable and manly, comes from Prince Bismarck himself, who, however, devoted more attention and relied more upon this system than any other statesman of the present century, except perhaps Fouché, the evil genius of the first Napoleon.

EX-ATTACHE.

NOW LET'S HEAR FROM ST. LOUIS.

A "REAL HORRID" STORY OF A CHICAGO GIRL'S ADVENTURE IN THE BIG MISSOURI TOWN.

and embraced the first opportunity to escape from a thruldom worse than death. I suppose I ought to charge you with cruelty to animals and have you arrested, but I have no disposition to deal harshly with you. If you'll pay me for the ammunition I used and the time I have wasted here with you. I'm willing to call the matter square, and you may keep the duck."

But the farmer shade his hand a factor.

But the farmer shook his head and fied. BERNHARDT WRITES A PLAY.

SHE IS ALSO AT WORK ON A BUST OF SARDOU.

Sarah Bernhardt appears just now to be undergoing a considerable accession of artistic activity She is making a bust and she has written a play The bust is of Sardon, and she admits that he is not altogether a good model, it is so hard to get



from Emile de Girardin, of whom she made a bust years ago. He posed at the same time for her and for Clairin, Bernhardt working at the bust and home to both of them an awful sense that they ing, dramatic and dancing classes, and we always were detaining him from important affairs and they hurried their work, so as to let him go as soon | The people of New-York saw the advantages of the he made the first movement that he had made

cently made that she does not intend to paint self which has recently been published and is here playing at the time.

play, which has already been referred to, to appear in the "Gaulois." A short extract is enough to Last year a Chicago giri visiting friends in St.
Lonis attended a reception in that city. There was a big crush of St. Lonis social licits, and when the fair Chicagoan prepared to depart she was unable to find her valuable scalekin sacque anywhere, it its place was an old scalekin worn and dilaridated.

This Duchess Catherine Captizati is in love with the Marquis Jean de Maupré. He has made up his mind to marry the Duchess's stepdaughter, Guilletta Captizati. Bernhardt never was sensitive about her age, and she shows it by writing a play. There the young aspirants for given one of from these impromptu

HOPELESS CASE. HOSTESS-WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO US ON SATURDAY? I SUPPOSE YOU HAD SOMETHING BET-THE TO SOMETHING VISITOR (hervously)—NO, I ASSURE YOU, ON THE CONTRART, IT WAS SOMETHING MUCH WORSE.—(Puncil

brought with them from their Fatherland, and

mity of his offence, began throwing stones, and inviting him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled on the property of the control of range and began throwing stones, and inviting him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throwing him to come ashore and high. Fleid pandled the stone out of range and began throughout the stone of the same are the stone of the same and the stone of the same in the pandled throughout the stone out of "social ablated" in New-York, but in the attractive features are credited by any player means to stone out of the stone out of "social ablated" in New-York, but in the attractive features are credited by any player means to the attractive features are credited by any player means to the stone out of t

Additional interest for the game of hockey on the ice has been created by the presentation of a beau-tiful challenge cup to be played for by the teams



social character about them. Men went there to | will be played at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink. box or fence or to lift heavy weights, but it was

gymnastic paraphernalia. is the name of all our societies, and our motto.

Frisch, Frei, Froth, indicates development of mirth as well as muscle. We have reading, singsocial gymnastic clubs over the ordinary kind, and

THE TURNERS' CLAIMS DISPUTED. There are many people who dispute the claims of tion, having been made in 1830. It represents her couragement of athletics and the formation of physical culture classes in the schools were largely responsible for the popularity of indoor sports, but title doubt that indoor sports were never so popu



bey," said a man whose love for sport was in re-halls silvery beard, "and we players."

the followers of Vater Jahn organized their so-cieties here, they say, but there was nothing of a club winning it three times. The match games "Capital" said the elder

"People do not confine their importations to outall work, and those who exercised and practised landish bric-a-brac and finery," said a man in there found nothing to attract them except the speaking of indoor sports, "but they bring outemastic paraphernalia.

"The very name of our societies," said an old shulleboard club which was organized in New-Turner, "shows that our aim was something more | York owed its existence to a taste acquired for that

attendance and as enthusiastic over their particular



A GAME OF HANDBALL.

estion at that time.

There has never been so much indoor fee poloplaying at this season. This is undoubtedly due to We got to be skipping out." the improved condition of the skating rinks. Sev- The piping voice took courage. Gentlemen, if eral teams have been formed, and an interesting you will ask that old lady to remove her left shoe routest took place at the Clermont Avenue Rink.

Brooklyn, a few evenings ago. The opposing teams "The men began to mutter and scowl. The drum-Brooklyn, a few evenings ago. The opposing teams

shame to rob a poor old woman of her last dollar, lyn Polo Club.

The game of handbail is old, and was played long hefore baseball become the National game; but it has never been as popular as many other indoor sports. There is a slight boom in favor of the game at present, which has been caused by a number of professional baseball players who have chosen it as their 'off season' amusement. The Brooking Handbail 'that is the leading organization of the kind in the world, and the bad which it has adopted and the rules which have been formulated by its committee have been recognized as standard wherever the game is played.

THE FIRST HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

The first annual tournament for the handball for their horses and were gone. championship of America will be played at the Jersey City Handball Court on January 7, 1897. The cond they assayled the man within the couch. Jersey City Handball Court on January 7, 1857. The games will be open to all players in the United States and Canada, and although it will be the first tournament ever held for amateur honors, it is believed that the attendance will be large. The referee will be Major John Carmody and George Standing will be the scorer. If the men who wrote the last set of rules for basic-ball could go to the symmasium of the New York Teachers College and see the young women there that the driver bad his reins in his mands and one end of them looked suspiciously like a mose. States and Canada, and although it will be large. The dark between the party in the min at considerable expense, and then allowed people to play without charge. All the profit her between the players. Then a club was organized and took the alley for one night in the week. The membership grew rapidly, all the members could not be accommodated on ene evening, and an overflow section engaged the place for another high, and so the thing grew until one alley became four, and every one of them was engaged from early in the fall until late in spring."

BOWLING, UPTOWN AND DOWN

The experience of the downtown restaurant keeper indices a resettion to many places in the unity in the experience of the downtown restaurant keeper indices a resettion to many places in the sport and any single players the season. Men of tustless howing, and serve port of New-York, and although many bowling alleys have been fitted up there are few places vacant at any time during the season. Men of tustless howing many for course, it sold an enthusiastic bowler, "our course," sold an enthusiastic bowler, "our favorite specified for the against the popularity of the bowling cluss.

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"Of course," sold an enthusiastic bowler, "our favorite specified for course, and the count started for town these bowling against his population, but I believe they will return and confess that there is more enjoyment to be gathed from bowling in good company in a complete population, but I believe they will return and confess that there is more enjoyment to be gathed from bowling in good company in a c

favorite sport has suffered through the bicycle and many of our members of one and two years ago have deserted on that account, but I believe they will return and confess that there is more enjoyment to be gained from bowling in good company in a comfortable place, with good things to eat and drink near by, than by whifring in an uncertain road alone or with some one with whom you can't find time to talk."

With the possible exception of billiards, bowling is probably the most popular of the many indoor sports, but there are others which have ardent admirers whose entausiasm is contagious and brings recruits to the ranks of the sport every season. The game of hockey is one which has gained much in popularity in the last four years and since there have been inclosed skating rinks where it could be played.

"We used to call it 'ice shinny' when I was a boy," said a man whose love for sport was in re-with his slivery beard, "and we love that we shall soon be able to see crack football matches in all the cities where there are halls sufficiently large to accommodate the players."

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far career of B. He had left a home in Connecticut, and after varied experiences in lowa and Nebraska joined a company of miners and with them entered the new mining camp of Deadwood. He was then but seventeen years old. That same winter he carried the first mail out of Deadwood to the Missouri River.

B. joined our circle while a scout was relating some experiences with stage robbers in the early seventles, and immediately entered into the con-

"So far as I know the smoothest trick, prompted by a desire to save money, ever played upon stage robbers occurred near Miles City in 79. A load of passengers were almost within sight of the town. They had been travelling all day and were worn out, for the roads were awful had in those days songratulating themselves. Hold-ups had been frement. Two heavily armed messengers accompanied each coach with orders to fire on any person acting suspiciously.

"Dear met" said an elderly man near the door, I'm glad we are safe. I have about \$500 and if I lost it I don't know where I could get more."

"I can get plenty of money' said a travelling salesman, but the loss of what I have would put "Two miners and a prospector, each with large rolls, expressed their satisfaction at passing dangerous points safely. The next speaker was a little

'My boy has started a restaurant to town and is doing well. He wanted me to come and help, so here I am, goodness knows far enough away fro dear old Ohlo. I thought he would need his mother, for these mining towns are wild, I hear, and full of temptations. I have only got \$20. It's all the cash I have in the world. Fearing robbers I have put it in a place where no one would think of looking You cannot guess where? Of course

"'Capital" said the elderly gentleman. would ever think of looking for money in your shoes.' In the far corner at the front sat a small, slender, black-haired man. He kept between his during the journey and he made no sound save of the passengers thought him to be a consump live. Even when general good-fellowship prevailed took no part in the conversation. Making bold, the old lady said.

"A hollow cough and a shrug of the shoulders

"What a mean fellow" thought the old gentle man. At this instant the coach furched violently den reports of guns! One messenger was shot, the other compelled to throw up his hands before time for resistance, and consternation and terror prevailed within the coach.

"The dear, on, dear" cried the woman.
"'Hustle up here, git out," and one of the robbers held the door open with his left hand while he covered the passengers with the revolver in his right. Of course they all filed out and were stood up in a row. There was much trembling on the part of the men and the paor old woman wept audibly. It only took a few moments to go through the pockets of the line and to investigate the meswould have taken to the hills at this moment had

started in with an eath to drag forth the con-sumptive. As he entered a most plaintive, coughinterrupted voice greeted him, and, tough as he

Please don't make me get out. I am very sick I will die, I know. If you will only let me be I will tell you where you can get \$200 which you have overlooked. I have no money, but I know A GAME OF HANDBALL.

nuisance on hoard ship by inviting people to play
"only a game or two." for whom a game, with
everlasting bliss as a prize, would have no fascination at that time.

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beard the shrill, penetrating voice, glanced at
each other. The leader called out to his fellow
within the coach: "All right, Bill; find out where them two hundred is and let the pure devil alone.

were composed of members of the United States | mer even found courage enough to say it was Marine Corps, from the Navy Yard, and the Brook-shame to rob a poor old woman of her last dollar, byn Polo Club.

"What a hubbub broke out when the people

A JOKE ON SENATOR HOAR.

From The Washington Post.

Senator Hoar tells this story:
He was riding in a train down on Cape Cody this summer, when he felt a tap on his shoulder, and, glancing back, he saw a benevolent-looking old lady studying his face.

"Excuse me," she said, "but aren't you Mr. Jefferson."

Texcuse he, she said, son."

The Senator thought at first he had been taken for Thomas Jefferson, and he was inclined to be piqued. Then it occurred to him that Joe Jefferson, the actor, inhabits that part of the country, so he replied benignly:

"No. I am not Mr. Jefferson. Will you be kind enough to tell me which of his characters I reminded you of? Was it Bob Acres or hip Valwinkle?

"A little of both," was the reply.